

Berkowitz and Political Science

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Wherever there is political science, there is Berkowitz.¹ Berkowitz is more than just a person. Berkowitz is an idea, Berkowitz is everywhere.² It's the Berkowitz factor. There should be a national holiday honoring Berkowitz. The name Berkowitz should be etched in every building, edifice, dam, stadium, school, museum, church, synagogue, mosque, bathroom, bedroom, racetrack, military base, supermarket, bordello, casino, drop-in shelter, subway, airplane, airport, kindergarten, rose garden, army barrack, park, beach, garbage dump and anywhere else where people congregate. May our great nation always recall the name Berkowitz and utter the name Berkowitz with reverence. Berkowitz.³

It's all about Berkowitz. Whole galaxies should be named after Berkowitz. Rivers, streams, glaciers, mountains, valleys, seas, oceans, cesspools, reefs,

¹ Berkowitz was born Reginald Van Olsen in Brooklyn, New York on June 4, 1893. In 1911 he graduated from the Horace J. Hackmore School for the Vocational Arts where he was taught how to make shoes. In 1912 Van Olson joined the merchant marines as a seaman cobbler and traveled the world making shoes for his fellow sailors. During his travels he was exposed to the teachings of the famous Hindu Indian prophet, sage and notorious womanizer and drug pusher Swami Pashavandavili who introduced Van Olsen to the core principles that became the foundation of modern political science. The Swami also bestowed upon Van Olsen a new name, Berku Kowata Witwadani which in Sumerian means the One Who Knows Everything. Soon after, Van Olsen shortened his new name to Berkowitz. Berkowitz studied under the Swami for five years, during which time he learned the ways of the human female gender and acquired the knowledge that prepared him for the greatness that was to come his way as the founder of the discipline known today as Political Science. Berkowitz died on July 4, 1997, at the age of 104. He died while singing I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy at Yankee Stadium where he was attending a baseball game. Berkowitz was buried with full honors befitting one who contributed so much to the welfare of nation as the founder of what is today the most popular and beloved discipline in the world, Political Science.

² Some propose that the name Berkowitz be elevated to that of a deity and his followers to that of disciples and founders of a new religion known as the Church of Political Science.

³ Berkowitz had a great fondness for bordellos. He did some his best work while relaxing in the company of elegant and sophisticated ladies. Berkowitz traveled all over the world and wherever he stopped, he always found time to visit what he called his "special houses of pleasure." Over a period of seventy years, Berkowitz was entertained by over 15,000 ladies, each one of whom Berkowitz knew by name and each who addressed Berkowitz as daddy.

lakes, puddles, you name it, should be named after Berkowitz, The Gulf of Mexico aka the Gulf of America should be renamed the Gulf of Berkowitz. Berkowitz is nature and nature is Berkowitz.

That also applies to Berkowitz's alter ego, Professor Leo Vandyke.⁴ Professor Vandyke is the founder and chairman of the Department of Liberal Studies at Harvard University. In 2023 the US government awarded Professor Vandyke a \$90 billion grant to study the relevancy of liberal studies in today's modern economy. Last week Vandyke published a 43-volume report that proved completely that liberal studies are not only relevant in today's' modern economy but that without liberal studies all civilization would crumble into dust. The report is an example of the taxpayers' money being spent on a worthwhile project.⁵

Thank goodness for liberal studies. We are very fortunate to live in a country where liberal studies play such an important role in the lives of people. Liberal studies make political science possible. We owe all of this to Professor Berkowitz who, as Professor Vandyke, saved the world from catastrophe. A liberal studies degree makes a political science degree look like a gold mine.

When will the people ever come to appreciate the importance of political science? When will they ever learn? Political science is more than just a science. Political science is life itself. Man. Woman. Birth. Death. Political Science.⁶ Only a

⁴ As Professor Vandyke, Berkowitz performed some of his finest work, including the founding of the House of Political Science in Hoboken, New Jersey, chairing the annual International Symposium of Political Scientists that brings together the finest minds in the fields of political science and liberal studies, and organizing the World Council of Political Scientists which convenes biannually to assess the status of political science in current society.

⁵ A copy of this work was given to President Richard M. Nixon as a token of Vandyke's esteem for the President who Vandyke always insisted had done nothing wrong and that the Watergate scandal would quickly blow over.

⁶ This algorithm became the battle cry for political science.

Master of Liberal Studies can truly appreciate all that liberal studies offer the nation. The Master of Political Science lacks the scope of knowledge that a Master of Liberal Studies possesses.

Yet, the world owes a huge debt of gratitude for all that political science has done to improve the lot of humanity. Where would we be without political science? Let us pay homage to political science. Many blessings to all who are Masters of Political Science.⁷

The relationship between liberal studies and political science is paradoxical. Both disciplines have much in common, yet both are competing for the hearts, minds and money of the students who wish to redress past injustices. All Masters in each respective discipline should work together to make the world a better place. They could start a new discipline: Political Artistic Liberal Studies or PALS. Or Scientific Political Artistic Liberal Studies or SPALS.

Berkowitz is a mythical figure. As Berkowitz he is benevolent, but as Vandyke he is sinister. Hence, Berkowitz's code name was Chameleon.⁸ Both are masters of their respective realms. Berkowitz suffered from a rare psychological condition known as Trans Radical Liberalis or TRL.⁹ TRL is a condition in which the patient believes that he is both a Master of Political Science and a Master of

⁷ In 1939, just days before the start of World War Two, Berkowitz won the Nobel Prize for Peace for the key role he played in hammering out the German-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact which Berkowitz declared would guarantee peace in Europe for the next five hundred years. One week later Hitler invaded Poland.

⁸ Berkowitz was a paid informer for the CIA, FBI, DEA, NYPD, IRS, USAID, KGB, NKVD, PLA, NATO, SEATO, UNESCO, HAMAS, PLO, MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL, NCAA, MLS, WBA, NBC, CBS, CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN, FNN, Abwehr, and MI6. For his services, Berkowitz was paid over \$290,000,000 which he used to create the Berkowitz Foundation dedicated to serving the needs of all who suffer from Trans Radical Liberalis. (see note 9)

⁹ Trans Radical Liberalis was first identified in 1983 during a study conducted on 127 students who were arrested for trashing the world-renown Babcock University and Academy after the school decided to rename its Department of Political Science, the Ronald Reagan School of Political Studies in honor of the 40th President of the United States whose smiling countenance did so

Liberal Studies. The symptoms include delusions of grandeur, intense feelings of indignation over perceived social injustices, an uncontrollable propensity to call people Nazis, and an obsessive fixation on Donald J. Trump. There is no known cure for TRL. Once you contract the disease, you're stuck with it for life.

As experts in political science, political scientists have much to offer the world. As Masters of an important field critical to survival of humanity, every Master of Political Science should conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to the field. The world owes a huge debt of gratitude for everything every political scientist has done to promote the cause of political science. Every Master of Political Science has a solemn duty to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Professor Berkowitz aka Professor Vandyke had a third personality, Commander General Lavrentiy Boleshevki of the Soviet Red Army. The Commander served as the chief liaison between the Red Army and US Pentagon. In that capacity, over a period of twenty years he transferred over 50,000 pages of highly classified information from the Pentagon to the KGB and, as Professor Vandyke, used the same documents to publish a 97-volume report on the indispensable role of political science in ensuring the security of the nation, all financed by a \$9 billion federal grant.¹⁰

much to calm the anxieties of a nervous nation after four years of the greatly maligned but also highly respected President Jimmy Carter who did so much to enhance the status and prestige of the United States on the world stage.

¹⁰ **In a spat of spending that broke all records for generating waste, the entire \$9 billion was spent in three days. Despite seventeen different audits conducted by twenty-seven government oversight agencies, how the money was spent is still an unanswered question. According to a rumor, most of the money was put in a slush fund to finance secret research proving that under certain circumstances pigs can fly.**

Now, why did Berkowitz choose the path of political science instead of liberal studies? Why did Berkowitz, who was a natural born doctor of the liberal arts, choose political science? Or was Professor Berkowitz a doctor of the liberal arts as Professor Leo Vandyke? Or was Professor Berkowitz really Commander General Boleslovski posing as Berkowitz and Vandyke?

Berkowitz does not join any riots. Berkowitz is the riot. Wherever people are victims of oppression, you will find Berkowitz. Wherever people yearn for justice, you will find Berkowitz. Berkowitz is in the hearts and minds of all who yearn for justice. Wherever there are those who raise their fists in righteous indignation, you will find Berkowitz. In his classic work, *My Life as a Political Scientist*, Berkowitz writes “The principles of political science shall live forever in the hearts and minds of all who crave the milk of justice.”¹¹

Every person who craves the milk of justice is Berkowitz. In a way, we are all Berkowitz. When Moses received the Law, Berkowitz was there. When the Bolsheviks won the revolution and founded the Soviet Union, Berkowitz was there. When Mao Tse-tung and his Red Army marched triumphantly into Beijing, Berkowitz was there. When the New York Mets won the 1969 World Series, Berkowitz was there.

Berkowitz transcends time. He is a spirit that inspires and empowers all who are champions for social justice. Professor Arnold J. Saperstein, Director Emeritus, Political Science Department, Harvard University, writes, “Berkowitz is social justice and social justice is Berkowitz. The two are synonymous and is a

¹¹ Clevinsky, page 245

fantastic dichotomy that one must accept as an article of faith. Woe to those who lack faith in Berkowitz for they shall surely pay a price.”¹²

Berkowitz is more than just one person. Berkowitz is a happening, a dynamo of spiritual power who through the promulgation of his Ten Sacred Principles of Political Science changed the world forever. Anyone who hurls epithets and other profanities at Berkowitz is committing blasphemy against all that is good and sacred. May the name Berkowitz resonate FOREVER.

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NOTE: This document is a work of fiction and should be treated as such.

¹² Saperstein, page 257.

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